



LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA TO HOST THE 2007 VIRGINIA FORUM

The 2007 Virginia Forum, a two-day conference devoted to all aspects and time periods of Virginia history, will be held at the Library of Virginia on Friday, April 13, and Saturday, April 14, 2007.

The Virginia Forum brings together historians, teachers, writers, museum curators, historic site interpreters, librarians, and others engaged in the study and interpretation of Virginia history to share their knowledge, research, and experiences. The first Virginia Forum took place in April 2006 at Shenandoah University in Winchester. Organizers hope that the Forum will become an annual event and that it will be hosted by different universities and historical organizations around the state in future years.

The Program Committee for the 2007 Virginia Forum includes Larissa Smith (Longwood University), committee chair; Kevin R. Hardwick (James Madison University); Jurretta Heckscher (Library of Congress); Anthony S. Parent (Wake Forest University); Leni Sorensen (Monticello); and Brent Tarter (Library of Virginia).

To view the full conference program go to: www.lva.lib.va.us/vaforum/schedule.pdf.

Registration for the two-day conference is \$50. The registration fee includes a box lunch each day of the conference and a reception on Friday evening. A reduced conference rate of \$30 is available for currently enrolled graduate and undergraduate students.

To register, please complete the conference registration form at www.lva.lib.va.us/vaforum/registration.htm and send it with your payment to: The Library of Virginia Foundation, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219-8000.

Pre-registration for the conference is REQUIRED. The registration deadline is **March 30, 2007.**

For information about earning teacher recertification points for attending the Virginia Forum, please contact the Library's education coordinator, Katie Gillespie, at 804-371-2126.

A block of rooms has been reserved at the government rate for Virginia Forum attendees for the nights of April 12–15 at the following hotels: Commonwealth Park Suites Hotel, 901 Bank Street, 888-343-7301 or 804-343-7300, \$109 per night; Omni Richmond Hotel, 100 South 12th Street, 804-344-7000, \$139 per night; and Crowne Plaza, 555 East Canal Street, 804-788-0900, \$102 per night. Please call the hotel directly to make reservations and indicate that you are with the Library of Virginia's Forum.

Conference parking is available, space permitting, in the deck underneath the Library building. Entrances are toward the rear of the building on both the Eighth and Ninth street sides. If you are staying at the Commonwealth Park Suites, it will be easier to walk to the Library (three blocks up Ninth Street) than to drive and park.

For information about the conference program, please contact Larissa Smith at 434-395-2776 or smithlm@longwood.edu, or Brent Tarter at 804-692-3721 or btarter@lva.lib.va.us. Questions about hotels or registration should be directed to Joseph Papa at 804-692-3900 or jpapa@lva.lib.va.us.

LIBRI FOUNDATION OFFERS “BOOKS FOR CHILDREN” GRANTS

The Libri Foundation, a nationwide nonprofit organization, donates new, quality, hardcover children's books to small, rural public libraries throughout the United States. The foundation is currently accepting applications for its 2007 Books for Children grants. Since October

1990, the foundation has donated over \$3 million worth of new children's books to more than 2,300 libraries in 48 states.

The foundation works with libraries' Friends of the Library or other local organizations because of its

belief in community involvement and desire to encourage and reward local support of libraries. The Friends, or other local sponsors, can contribute from \$50 to \$350, which the foundation matches on a 2-to-1 ratio. Thus, a library can receive up to \$1,050 worth of new, quality, hardcover children's books through the foundation's Books for Children program. After a library receives a grant, local sponsors have four months, or longer if necessary, to raise their matching funds.

The foundation awards grants three times a year. Application deadlines are (postmarked by) January 15, April 15, and August 15. Grants are awarded January 31, April 30, and August 31.

The librarian of each participating library selects books from a booklist provided by the foundation. The 700-plus fiction and non-fiction titles on the booklist reflect the very best of children's literature published primarily in the last three years. These titles, which are for children ages 12 and under, are award-winners or ...see **Libri**, pg. 5



THE LIBRARY
OF VIRGINIA

800 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219-8000
804-692-3592 • www.lva.lib.va.us

Janice M. Hathcock, *Editor*
Ann Henderson, *Copy Editor*
Amy C. Winegardner, *Graphic Designer*
Charles W. Sydnor, Jr., *Board Chair*
Nolan T. Yelich, *Librarian of Virginia*

Kukla to Deliver Annual Governor Henry Lecture

Historian Dr. Jon Kukla will present the Seventh Annual Governor Henry Lecture. Scheduled in connection with the 400th anniversary of the founding of Virginia, the lecture will explore Patrick Henry's Stamp Act Resolves and the Virginia Founders' reliance upon the settlement at Jamestown as a foundation for American liberties during the Revolution.

Dr. Kukla has been executive vice president of the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation at Red Hill since 2000. A native of Wisconsin and graduate of Carthage College, he earned his doctorate from the University of Toronto and is a recognized authority on 17th- and 18th-century American history, with special emphasis on

early Virginia. Kukla was an assistant director at the Library of Virginia in the 1970s and 1980s and directed the Historic New Orleans Collection in the 1990s.

A founding member of the advisory board for the Jamestown Rediscovery® archaeological excavations, Kukla was recently named as a Distinguished Lecturer by the Organization of American Historians. He has written extensively about American history and culture for the major historical journals and in several books, including *The Bill of Rights: A Lively Heritage*, *A Wilderness So Immense: The Louisiana Purchase and the Destiny of America*, and the forthcoming *Mr. Jefferson's Women*. The 2007 Governor Henry Lecture will address major themes for Kukla's

next project, a sweeping book about Virginia's central role in the American Revolution from the Seven Years' War through the Alien and Sedition Acts.

The annual Governor Henry Lecture is jointly sponsored by the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation and the Library of Virginia. The events are open to the public at no charge.

Dr. Kukla's lecture at the Library of Virginia is scheduled for 5:30 PM on Thursday, April 26, 2007. His lecture in the historic courthouse at Charlotte Court House is scheduled for 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 28, 2007. Parking is available at the both venues at no charge.

Jamestown Anniversary Events Taking Place Across the State

Hundreds of activities and projects are taking place throughout Virginia as we commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in America. Community groups and organizations are hard at work on programs that build toward Virginia's future. Anniversary Gardens have been planted across the state. New hiking and biking trails have opened to the public. Commemorative gold and silver coin sales have begun and a Jamestown stamp will be available soon.

The Library of Virginia is presenting a series of free daytime and evening talks and lectures to commemorate the founding of Jamestown. The Library's signature 2007 exhibition, *Myth & Memory: Understanding*

400 Years of Virginia History, is on display through December 15, 2007. The exhibition explores how groups of Virginians have employed anniversaries and commemorative events to reinterpret their history.

The exhibition is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 9 AM to 5 PM. For a list of Jamestown-related programs at the Library, see our Web site at www.lva.lib.va.us/jamestown_events.asp. The Library will be closed on Saturday, May 12, 2007, for America's 400th Anniversary weekend at Jamestown.

Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip will visit Virginia in May to mark the 400th anniversary of the first permanent English settlement in America. The Queen also visit-

ed Jamestown in 1957, the year of its 350th anniversary. The premier event of the 400th anniversary—"America's Anniversary Weekend"—will be held May 11–13 at Jamestown Settlement and Historic Jamestowne, the site of the settlers' original triangular fort. The festival is expected to draw 90,000 people. Single-day tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for children.

Visit www.Americas400thAnniversary.com for information on purchasing tickets for events planned for the historic commemoration.

Thousands of volunteers also are needed for America's Anniversary Weekend. If you would like to volunteer, call 757-220-7078 or visit www.Americas400thanniversary.com for more information.

LIBRARY HOSTS ELDERHOSTEL PROGRAM ON GENEALOGY

Thirty-three adults enrolled in Virginia Commonwealth University's Elderhostel program participated in a five-day "Researching Your Heritage: Genealogy at the Library of Virginia" class from January 28 through February 2, 2007. The program was offered through the Virginia Center for Aging at VCU, which has provided Elderhostel programs for 25 years. Elderhostel is the world's largest education and travel organization for adults aged 55 and over. The Library has been a site of Elderhostel programs for several years.

The genealogy program included tours and staff presentations on using the Library's vast resources of archival records, published resources for genealogists, online indexes, maps, and special collections. Class participants were given ample time to do research.

Archivist Minor Weisiger coordinated the program for the Library. Staff members Gail Tatum, Ginny Dunn, Chris Kolbe, Jennifer Davis McDaid, Tom Crew, Sandy Farrell, and Tom Camden introduced the group to the Library's collections.

Rare book librarian Audrey Johnson shows a rare book to Elderhostel participants.



2007 Virginia Women in History Program Honors Eight Outstanding Women



A ground-breaking opera singer, the first African American president of NEA, and a media executive and entrepreneur are among eight Virginia women recognized by the Library of Virginia as part of its Virginia Women in History program. On March 1, 2007, the Library of Virginia honored the eight outstanding women who are featured in the 2007 Virginia Women in History program at an awards ceremony at the Library of Virginia. Community leader Lisa LaFata Powell served as host for the program.

The women honored this year are:

- **Oposunquoanuske** (d. 1610), Chesterfield County, Appamattuck Indian leader
- **Mary Willing Byrd** (1740–1814), Charles City County, planter
- **Mary Jeffery Galt** (1844–1922), Norfolk, preservationist
- **Laura Lu Scherer Copenhagen** (1868–1940), Smyth County, entrepreneur and Lutheran lay leader
- **Maybelle Addington Carter** (1909–1978), Scott County, musician
- **Camilla Ella Williams** (1919–), Danville, singer
- **Mary Alice Franklin Hatwood Futrell** (1940–), Lynchburg, educator
- **Sheila Crump Johnson** (1949–), Loudoun County, entrepreneur and philanthropist

The eight also are featured on this year's handsome Virginia Women in History poster, issued in celebration of Women's History Month, and in the Library's 2007 Virginia Women in History panel exhibition, on display in the lobby of the Library of Virginia from March 1–31, 2007. Traveling versions of the exhibition will be available for use by public schools and libraries and other cultural institutions. To schedule the traveling exhibition contact Barbara Batson, exhibitions coordinator, at 804-692-3518, or e-mail bbatson@lva.lib.va.us.

The 2007 Virginia Women in History poster highlights outstanding Virginia women who saw things differently from their contemporaries, developed new approaches to old problems, strove for excellence based on the courage of their convictions, and initiated changes in Virginia and America that continue to have an impact on our lives today.

"The women featured in the 2007 Virginia Women in History poster and traveling exhibition succeeded or excelled by facing challenging circumstances," explained Dr. Sandra G. Treadway, deputy director of the Library of Virginia. "Young people will be inspired by their stories, and educators will be able to plan classroom activities for Women's History Month using the teacher's guide specially developed for the program."

As part of its outreach program, the Library has distributed this year's poster and learning activities to more than 2,850 public and private schools, public libraries, and cultural institutions and museums across Virginia.

The program, now in its seventh year, began life as a project of the now-defunct Virginia Foundation for Women and was transferred to the Library in 2005.

Library Publication Wins Award

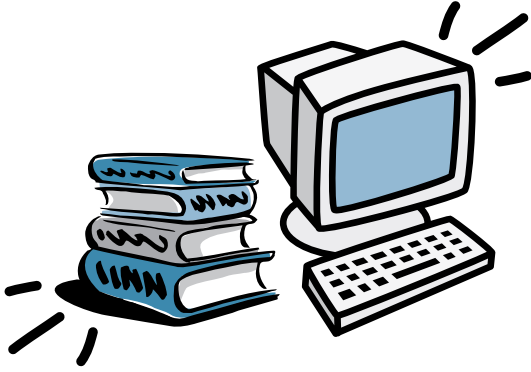
Freeing Art from Wood: The Sculpture of Leslie Garland Bolling, the catalog for the Library's well-received exhibition on Leslie Garland Bolling, won first place honors from Printing Industries of Virginia, a membership organization of printers and graphic communications businesses that has represented the industry since 1953. Thirty-nine Virginia printing companies submitted 1,105 entries for this year's Best in Print competition. Ellyn Sukonick of Worth Higgins & Associates entered the exhibition catalog in the competition.

Freeing Art from Wood examines 30 works by Bolling that combined keen observation with skilled craftsmanship to produce work that transcends the arbitrary distinctions between "folk" and "fine" art. Copies of the catalog can be purchased through the Virginia Shop by calling 804-692-3524 or online at www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwedo/shop.htm.

Chancery Records for Northampton and Nottoway Counties Available Online

The Library of Virginia is pleased to announce that processing and indexing is now complete for the Northampton and Nottoway county chancery causes housed at the Library of Virginia. Additional records for Dinwiddie County also have been added to Library's online Chancery Records Index (www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwehave/local/chancery/index.htm), and all three localities are now available for searching through the Library's Web site.

The Northampton County chancery collection covers the years 1721 through 1816, though additional pre-1913 chancery records remain in the clerk's office. Nottoway County's chancery causes include records from 1818 through 1968. The Dinwiddie County update consisted of cases spanning 1845 through 1940. These counties join the growing list of localities whose chancery causes have been preserved and made available through the Library's innovative Circuit Court Records Preservation Program, which seeks to preserve the historic records of Virginia's Circuit Courts. Please see the Chancery Records Index for a listing of additional locality ...see [Records](#), pg. 5



Did you know...?

LIBRARY REFERENCE QUESTIONS?
Call 804-692-3777

ARCHIVES REFERENCE QUESTIONS?
Call 804-692-3888

For several years the Library of Virginia has subscribed to ReferenceUSA, a searchable directory providing economic information for 13 million U.S. businesses. Our patrons value the ability to search for businesses by name, type, or location, as well as by combinations of these factors. Now ReferenceUSA has expanded our subscription to include a healthcare directory of 855,000 physicians and dentists and a residential directory of more than 255 million U.S. residents. Try this newly enhanced database available on the OPAC (online public access catalog) computer stations in the reading rooms.

Recent Acquisitions

A Study of Virginia Indians and Jamestown: The First Century is a remarkable resource and an origination point for research. Published in 2005, the study was prepared for the Colonial National Historical Park, United States National Park Service, as an aid to park personnel in interpreting Native Virginians in exhibitions and presentations at Jamestown Island. The principal investigator, Danielle Moretti-Langholtz, is director of the American Indian Resource Center Research (www.wm.edu/airc) and assistant professor of anthropology at the College of William and Mary. She is the co-author of *We're Still Here: Contemporary Virginia Indians Tell Their Stories*.

The contents include an "Overview of the Powhatan Chiefdom," an archaeological assessment of the capital town of Chief Powhatan, by Martin Gullivan, an assistant professor of anthropology at the College of William and Mary and director of the Werowocomoco Research Project (powhatan.wm.edu). Martha W. McCartney, historian and author of histories about James City and Gloucester counties, provides a "Narrative History" in her chapter, subdivided by royal governorships. The author traces the history of encounters between the English

settlers and Virginia's native peoples throughout the 1600s and into the early 1700s.

Another highlight of the study, "A Seventeenth Century Chronology Drawn from Colonial Records," is based primarily on the Acts of Assembly dealing with Indian affairs. These acts, summarized or quoted, record a hundred years of legislation regarding Indians. The time line of events appearing on the pages' left columns are juxtaposed with commentary from present day Native Virginians on the pages' right columns. Many of these commentaries are provided by the chiefs of the eight state-recognized tribes.

Katharine Harbury, editorial research fellow with the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, contributed a chart of "Indians in Selected Seventeenth Century Documents & Secondary Sources." These are references to Indians in Charles City, Isle of Wight, James City, Surry, and York counties in primary sources or published abstracts of these sources. They include colonial papers, correspondence, county records, land patents, and tithables. For each county and for each source she abstracted in table format the records that pertain to Indians. For example, from the Surry County, March 1699/1700 court records, an Indian slave, Jamey/Jemmy, is hanged for the murder of his master, Thomas Bage. In the October/November

1700 court session, Thomas Bage's widow, Elizabeth, petitions for compensation for the loss of the executed slave. Harbury cites Weynette Parks Haun's *Surry County, Virginia Court Records 1691-1700* (1991).

The appendices are equally remarkable. They include selected 17th century documents, maps, and images of Virginia Indians. Powhatan's mantle, glass trade beads, antler tools, and vessels are a few of the items depicted in a "Description, Location and Catalogue of Select Contact Period Material Cultural Items." An annotated bibliography of materials on Virginia Algonquian language includes a listing of all relevant Native words used as contemporary place names within Virginia. The word list, organized alphabetically under categories such as place name and water and land features, includes the Indian place names on the right with the county locations of the places opposite, on the left.

A Study of Virginia Indians and Jamestown: The First Century is mounted on the National Park Service's Web site at http://www.cr.nps.gov/history/online_books/jame1/moretti-langholtz/index.htm. It can also be purchased for approximately \$35 through the National Park Service's Technical Information Center: Denver Service Center-TIC; National Park Service;

12795 West Alameda Parkway; P.O. Box 25287; Denver, CO 80225-0287. Telephone: 303-969-2130. E-mail: tic-requests@nps.gov.

Colonial America: An Encyclopedia of Social, Political, Cultural and Economic History. Edited by James Ciment, this encyclopedia from Sharpe Reference covers the period from the arrival of English colonists in Jamestown to the signing of the treaty of Paris in 1783. It consists of five volumes divided into four major parts and offers a clear and concise examination of colonial and Revolutionary history. Beautifully illustrated, with helpful maps, it is a very usable, essential, and informative reference work.

The introduction gives a synopsis of how the American colonial period was interpreted in the past and how the study of history has been enriched since historians began considering all aspects of society and culture, exploring the full fabric of life beyond political events. Each volume includes general, geographic, and biographical indexes for the entire set. In addition, a topical finder at the beginning of each volume facilitates research.

The first section consists of seven essays which provide an overview of major issues in colonial American life. The second section contains the entries of the encyclopedia from A to Z. These entries cover individuals, places, events, ideas, institutions, minorities, and many other topics. Entries vary in length and end with "see also" references and a short bibliography for further reading.

The third section consists of chronologies on topics such as Race and Ethnicity; Economy, Business, and Labor; Gender Issues, and the Colonies. These chronologies are extremely helpful and provide a cohesive evolution within each subject.

The final volume includes 60 primary documents covering definitive moments in the history of the colonial era.

This valuable work presents a unified and continuous unfolding of history, people, and events of colonial times. This encyclopedia is especially recommended for students and general readers seeking a broad understanding of this period.

Libri... have received starred reviews in library, literary, or education journals. The booklist also includes a selection of classic children's titles.

Libraries are qualified on an individual basis. In general, county libraries should serve a population under 16,000 and town libraries should serve a population under 10,000 (usually under 5,000). Libraries should be in a rural area and have a limited operating budget and an active children's department.

For these grants, rural is usually considered to be at least 30 miles from a city with a population over 40,000. Town libraries with total operating budgets over \$150,000 and county libraries with total operating budgets over \$350,000 are rarely given grants.

A branch library may apply if the community it is in meets the definition of rural. If the branch library receives its funding from its parent institution, then the parent institution's total operating budget, not just the branch library's total operating budget, must meet the budget guidelines.

Previous Books for Children grant recipients are eligible to apply for another grant three years after the receipt of their last grant.

For more information about the Libri Foundation or its Books for Children program, please contact: Barbara J. McKillip, president, The Libri Foundation, P.O. Box 10246, Eugene, OR 97440; 541-747-9655 (phone); 541-747-4348 (fax); libri@libri-foundation.org.

Records... chancery collections currently available.

Chancery causes are cases that are decided on the basis of equity and fairness as opposed to the strictly formulated rules of common law cases. Chancery cases are especially useful when researching local history, genealogical information, and land or estate divisions. This valuable source of local, state, social, and legal history serves as a primary source for understanding a locality's history. Chancery causes often contain correspondence, property lists (including slaves), lists of heirs, and vital statistics, along with many other records. Some of the more common types of chancery causes involve divisions of the estate of a person who died intestate (without a will), divorces, settlements of dissolved business partnerships, and resolutions of land disputes.

LVA and DVB Honor Eight for African American History Month

The Library of Virginia and the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography* project celebrated African American History Month by honoring eight notable African Americans whose biographies have appeared in the pages of *The Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, a comprehensive biographical reference work on Virginia. By visiting www.lva.lib.va.us/aahm/ students, teachers, and interested members of the public can find brief biographies of the honorees, additional sources on the individuals, and activities for the classroom. This is the beginning of a project to provide more information online about the remarkable individuals in the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*.

More information on African Americans and other Virginia leaders may be found in the *Dictionary of Virginia Biography*, ed. John T. Kneebone et al. (Richmond, 1998—). A finding aid to the 1,400 biographies and three volumes published to date is available at www.lva.lib.va.us/whatwedo/pubs/dvb/classind/.

Legislators Attend Reception

The Library of Virginia and the Library of Virginia Foundation, in partnership with Jamestown 2007 and the Virginia Library Association, held their annual legislative reception on January 18, 2007. Legislators and guests were treated to a special viewing of the Library's signature 2007 exhibition, *Myth & Memory: Understanding 400 Years of Virginia History*. Dr. Charles W. Sydnor Jr., chair of the Library Board, and Peter B. Schwartz, president of the Library Foundation, welcomed guests to the Library. Senator Thomas K. Norment Jr., member of the Jamestown 2007 Steering Committee and co-chairman of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation Board of Trustees, spoke about the upcoming anniversary of Jamestown's founding.



Library Board member and former member of the House of Delegates Chip Woodrum and Delegate Mark Sickles of Alexandria at the Library of Virginia's annual legislative reception.

Rountree and Hébert to Deliver Voorhees Lecture on John Smith's Map of Virginia

Dr. Helen C. Rountree, professor emerita of anthropology at Old Dominion University and the author and editor of numerous works on the Native Americans of the East Coast, and Dr. John Hébert, chief of the Geography and Map Division at the Library of Congress, will deliver the fourth annual Voorhees Lecture on the History of Cartography on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at 1 PM. Dr. Rountree will discuss John Smith as a mapmaker who mapped what he saw, but selectively, and Dr. Hébert will look at John Smith's map of Virginia as an active promotional device for acquiring territory.

Rountree, a leading expert on Pocahontas, is the author of numerous works on the Algonquian-speaking Indians of the Southeast, including *Pocahontas's People: The Powhatan Indians of Virginia Through Four Centuries* (1990); *The Powhatan Indians of Virginia: Their Traditional Culture* (1992); *Powhatan Foreign Relations, 1500–1722* (1993); and *Pocahontas, Powhatan, Opechan-canough: Three Indian Lives Changed by Jamestown* (2005).

Dr. Hébert was project director of the Library of Congress's Christopher Columbus Quincentenary Program, for which he curated the exhibition *1492: An Ongoing Voyage*. He also was responsible for the publications associated with the exhibition, *The Hispanic World, 1492–1898* and *1492: An Ongoing Voyage*. Dr. Hébert and a colleague completed *The Luso-Hispanic World in Maps: A Selective Guide to Manuscript Maps to 1900 in the Collections of the Library of Congress*. He wrote the introductory essay for the chapter on 17th century Virginia for the Library of Virginia's comprehensive atlas, *Virginia in Maps: Four Centuries of Settlement, Growth, and Development*.

His other publications include *Panoramic Maps of Anglo-American Cities*, *Population Maps of the Western Hemisphere*, and *The Library of Congress Hispanic and Portuguese Collections: An Illustrated Guide*.

Please note that the starting time for the **2007 Alan M. and Nathalie P. Voorhees Lecture on the History of Cartography** has been changed. The lecture now will begin at

1 PM. This is a free event, but reservations are required. Please call 804-692-3900.

The lecture honors the late Alan and Nathalie Voorhees, who were generous donors to the Library of Virginia, especially with their donation of early Virginia and Virginia-related maps. The Library of Virginia has an extensive collection of more than 44,000 maps, including both standard reference maps and more than 5,000 rare manuscript and printed historical maps, making the Library one of the world's leading map repositories.

In conjunction with the lecture, the Library of Virginia will present a small exhibition, **Virginia Described: John Smith's Map and Its Influence**, from March 5–17, 2007. One of the first printed maps of the Chesapeake Bay, John Smith's map of Virginia became the prototype for maps of Virginia until 1673, when it was superseded by the map of Virginia and Maryland printed by Augustine Herrman. This special exhibition displays the various states and derivatives based on Smith's map.

2007 NGS Conference in the States Coming to Richmond in May

The 2007 National Genealogical Society Conference in the States and Family History Fair will be held in Richmond, Virginia, May 16–19, 2007. NGS, together with the Virginia Genealogical Society, the Fairfax Genealogical Society, and the Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia, will host this year's conference, which will bring together genealogists and family historians from around the country and beyond.

The 2007 conference, which marks the 400th anniversary of the founding of America in 1607 and the first settlement in Jamestown, Virginia, will be held at the Greater Richmond Convention Center and Richmond Marriott Hotel.

A pre-conference for librarians, sponsored by ProQuest, will be held on Tuesday, May 15, at the Library of Virginia. All librarians who work with family history or genealogy reference materials will benefit from this pre-conference. State Archivist Conley L. Edwards III will begin the program for librarians with "When Will Your Records Be on the Web?," a discussion of digital initiatives of the Library of Virginia. His talk will be followed by "History Begins with You" present-

ed by Jennifer Davis McDaid, an archivist at the Library of Virginia. After lunch, which will be provided by ProQuest, Ruth Ann Hager will discuss "Designing User-Friendly Research Guides for Genealogists." The day will conclude with a talk on "Handling Genealogical Inquiries" by Charles Sherrill.

More than 150 exhibitors will display their genealogy-related goods and services at the 2007 NGS Family History Fair held in conjunction with the NGS conference at the Greater Richmond Convention Center.

On May 16, Crandall Shiflett, professor of history at Virginia Tech University and project director of Virtual Jamestown, will explore the resources available on the Virtual Jamestown Web site in the keynote address at the opening session of the NGS conference. Among the highlights of the conference will be day-long tracks on DNA, the Library of Congress, National Archives records, and Virginia records and repositories. For an additional fee, hands-on workshops on handwriting, finding and dating postcards for your family history, court records, advanced chancery record research, and land platting will be offered, as well as a mapping work-

shop for genealogists. Space is limited for these workshops.

Richard "Dick" Cheatham will provide a "Welcome to the Virginia Colony" to attendees at the National Genealogical Society banquet at the conference on Friday, May 18. Appearing in the character and dress of John Rolfe, Cheatham, a 14th-generation descendant of Rolfe and Pocahontas, will provide the same welcome that Rolfe would have given to new arrivals to Jamestown. At the end of his presentation, Cheatham will answer questions that Rolfe would not have been able to answer.

The National Genealogical Society, founded in 1903, serves its members by providing genealogical skill development through education, information, publications, research assistance, and networking opportunities.

More information on the NGS Conference in the States and Family History Fair can be found at the NGS Web site at: www.ngsgenealogy.org or e-mail conference@ngsgenealogy.org.

Please note that higher than normal visitation at the Library is expected prior to and during the week of the NGS conference.

VIRGINIA FORUM 2007

Registration Form

April 13–14, 2007

Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219
804-692-3592 | www.lva.lib.va.us

Please Print

Name: _____

Name preferred on name tag: _____ Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Conference Registration Fee (\$50 per person) _____

(includes Friday & Saturday lunches and Friday reception)

Student Conference Fee (\$30 per person) _____

(includes Friday & Saturday lunches and Friday reception)

☐ Vegetarian lunch requested

Please enclose a check payable to *Library of Virginia Foundation* or charge your registration to:

☐ Visa Account number: _____

☐ MasterCard Exp. Date: _____

Name (as appears on card): _____

Signature: _____

(Cancellations must be made by April 6 in order to be eligible for a refund)

Conference is limited to the first 250 registrants.

Please complete and mail with your check or credit card information by March 30, 2007, to:

Library of Virginia Foundation, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219



SPRING EVENTS

The Library of Virginia offers numerous free or inexpensive programs open to the public. Please call 804-692-3592 to confirm dates and times.

Tuesday, March 13, 2007

Landfall along the Chesapeake: In the Wake of Captain John Smith

Time: Noon | Place: Conference Rooms

In 2002, Susan Schmidt retraced John Smith's 1608 voyage on the Chesapeake Bay. She will discuss and sign *Landfall along the Chesapeake*, her account of her 100-day, 2,500-mile, mostly-solo adventure navigating a 22-foot boat. Her daily ship's log weaves history and science, weather and seamanship. As she circles the bay counterclockwise from Jamestown, she explores Smith's encounters with Native Americans and the bay's ecological changes over four hundred years. On each river and creek, she quotes Smith's journals on matching wits with Powhatan, meeting Pocahontas, and surviving thunderstorms, ambush, and a stingray barb.

Thursday, April 19, 2007

Jamestown: The Buried Truth

Time: Noon | Place: Conference Rooms

William M. Kelso, head archaeologist of the Jamestown Rediscovery® Project, will discuss and sign *Jamestown: The Buried Truth*. In this work, Kelso takes us literally to the soil where the Jamestown colony began, unearthing the James Fort and its contents to reveal fascinating evidence of the lives and deaths of the first settlers, of their endeavors and struggles, and of their relationships with the Virginia Indians. He offers up a lively but fact-based account, framed around a narrative of the archaeological team's exciting discoveries. Refuting the now decades-old stereotype that attributed the high mortality rate of the Jamestown settlers to their laziness and ineptitude, *Jamestown: The Buried Truth* produces a vivid picture of the settlement that is far more complex, incorporating the most recent archaeology to give Jamestown its rightful place in history and thus contributing to a broader understanding of the transatlantic world.

Thursday, April 26, 2007

Privileges Transmitted to Posterity: Jamestown, Patrick Henry, and the Revolution

Time: 5:30 PM | Place: Lecture Hall

Historian Dr. Jon Kukla will present the Seventh Annual Governor Henry Lecture.

Scheduled in connection with the 400th anniversary of the founding of Virginia, the lecture will explore Patrick Henry's Stamp Act Resolves and the Virginia Founders' reliance upon the settlement at Jamestown as a foundation for American liberties during the Revolution. The annual Governor Henry Lecture is jointly sponsored by the Patrick Henry Memorial Foundation and the Library of Virginia.

Thursday, May 3, 2007

Gatsby's Girl

Time: Noon | Place: Conference Rooms

Caroline Preston, award-winning author and former manuscript librarian, will discuss and sign *Gatsby's Girl*, her richly imagined and ambitious novel based on the life of F. Scott Fitzgerald's first love, a Chicago socialite named Ginevra King. An affecting story of two people—one famous, one known only through her portrayals in enduring works of fiction, *Gatsby's Girl* is a tremendously entertaining and moving novel about the powerful forces of first love, memory, and art.



800 East Broad Street
Richmond, VA 23219-8000

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
RICHMOND, VA
PERMIT NO. 1088